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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MASAHIRO ODAIRA, et al.) : Examiner: N. Flynn
Application No.: 10/536,874) : Group Art Unit: 2154
§ 371(c) Date: May 27, 2005) :
For: DATA PROCESSING)
APPARATUS AND DATA :
PROCESSING METHOD, AND)
COMPUTER PROGRAM : November 29, 2007

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the document listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

U.S. Patent No. 5,717,842

The foregoing document was cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated November 14, 2007 in related U.S. application No. 10/536,866. In addition, the foregoing document was applied by the Examiner in a rejection in the Office Action. The related U.S. application No. 10/536,866 published as U.S. Publication No. 2006/0117053,

which was itself cited in the subject application in an Information Disclosure Statement dated November 2, 2006.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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